

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

Hurricanes Rita and Katrina

SITUATION REPORT 23

0900 Hours October 4, 2005

New Information in Bold Italics

Next Situation Report will be published Tuesday, October 11, 2005

WEATHER

Forecast: *Partly cloudy across the Commonwealth with high temperatures around 80 degrees. Tonight, partly with lows near 60 degrees.*

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia EOC is at Increased Readiness Condition.

State of Emergency: On September 23, 2005, Governor Warner extended the Declaration of Emergency with all the regulatory and deployment powers already granted for Hurricane Katrina, to cover the Commonwealth's response to Hurricane Rita.

OPERATIONS SECTIONS

State Warning Point: Continuing to receive and disseminate situation reports from Hurricanes Rita and Katrina impacted states.

EMAC: The total number of personnel from Virginia deployed through EMAC is **1,044**. The total number of EMAC personnel from Virginia in the impacted areas today is **524**. The VEOC is coordinating **20** open requests through Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The Online EOC has posted the latest EMAC requests for state and/or local agency response. Currently supporting 6 EMAC missions in Louisiana and 4 in Mississippi. ***Eighteen (18) missions are complete.***

Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, and Prince William County – A total of 7 Incident Management Team (IMT) personnel deployed on October 3 to Cameron Parish, Louisiana to assist with operations of the Parish EOC.

Chesapeake City – A 12-person IMT deployed on September 29 to Harrison County, Mississippi in support of EOC operations.

Chesterfield County – Eleven personnel re-assigned from St. Bernard Parish to Lake Charles, Louisiana as a Type One IMT for Fire Command. Ten personnel deployed to Mississippi with Law Enforcement Task Force # 1. A total of 21 personnel deployed.

Northern Virginia Localities - A replacement team of 52 personnel and equipment deployed on September 29 to Hancock, Mississippi in support of firefighting operations. A 19-person replacement IMT deployed to New Orleans on September 26 to begin organizing recovery operations for the City. An 18-person EOC Management team deployed to assist the New Orleans EOC. A total of 71 personnel deployed from the region.

Roanoke City – Fire Department personnel deployed a 6-person Planning Team and equipment on October 2 to Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana to assist with EOC operations.

Henrico County – Five personnel deployed with Law Enforcement Task Force #1 to Mississippi.

TOWN PICKETT

FEMA advised the Commonwealth on September 30 evacuees from states impacted Hurricanes Katrina and Rita would not be transferred to Virginia. Following this notification, Town Pickett stood down.

VIRGINIA EVACUEES

Red Cross reports 4,089 applicants (1 applicant per household – 9,064 people). The largest numbers continue to be in Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia.

FEMA reports 5,767 applicants (1 applicant per household) claiming a Virginia forwarding address.

STATE ACTIVITIES

Virginia National Guard – One guardsman with equipment deployed on October 3, to assist with laboratory duties in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. A C-12 Aircraft with 5 personnel returned on October 1 to Baton Rouge in support of current VNG mission. A VNG team of 330 personnel deployed to various Louisiana locations to assist with commodity distribution, medical support, and command support. A total of 337 personnel deployed.

Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals & Energy (DMME) – DMME reported nothing new regarding the fuel situation over the weekend and Monday morning. Monitoring diesel fuel situation and will check with EPA regarding the red dye fuel waiver. Wholesale prices dropped; however, retail prices stayed up. Gasoline prices range from \$2.99 to \$3.13. Three school systems, Campbell County, Giles County and Fauquier County, report possible problems with supplier. State (VDOT/DGS) supplies are adequate. EPA extended the reformulated gasoline (RTF) waiver for Richmond by one week to midnight, Sept. 30, 2005. The dyed diesel waiver for on-road use remains in effect through Oct 5, 2005. DMME is continuing to monitor the reformulated gasoline supply. EPA has held Virginia's request for a wider area reformulated gasoline (RFG) waiver to gather more information. They are waiting to see evidence of stations closing for lack of RFG.

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) - The Consumer Protection Hotline received seven calls over the weekend alleging gasoline price gouging.

Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOTF) - Total of 24 personnel deployed to assist with the Katrina and Rita response. One 21-person crew is managing a food and supply distribution center. Three additional personnel are assisting on IMT's.

Virginia State Police (VSP) – Deployed 22 personnel with Law Enforcement Task Force #1 to Mississippi through EMAC.

Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) - Continues to support multi agency law enforcement task forces (Law Enforcement Task Force #1) in Mississippi with ten officers.

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) - Virginia Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT)-1 – Nine (9) team members are deployed in various locations. One (1) Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) remains deployed in support of DMORT operations. Prince William County Environmental Health manager deployed to Louisiana. Lenowisco Health District food safety specialist deployed on 09/16 with Red Cross to San Antonio, Texas, working in public affairs at Kelly Air Force Base. Fifteen Medical Reserve Corp groups have been activated, most through Red Cross, for deployment in support of local operations and target area support operations. Forty-two (42) MRC personnel are deployed on out-of-state missions, including 3

personnel from Roanoke Health Department (Red Cross mission), and 49 are supporting operations in Virginia, for a total of **89** MRC personnel.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Citizen Corps volunteers are assisting with local emergency management efforts in support of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita relief efforts across the state. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members have been deployed to the affected areas with Red Cross and with FEMA as community relations personnel. Medical Reserve Corp personnel deployments are reflected above in the VDH report.

Virginia VOAD volunteers are providing assistance to storm impacted states. ***Southeast Virginia VOAD – As of September 27, The Regional VOAD Special Unmet Needs hotline has received 331 calls from evacuees. Of these, 207 have been assigned case numbers and volunteer caseworkers are actively working to assist these evacuees with a variety of needs and information.***

Virginia Public Inquiry Center (VPIC) – VPIC will close at 5:00 p.m. today. The center has taken more than 825 calls since September 2nd to provide the public with information on Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Based on current call volume, there is no need to operate the center past today.

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